



# THE BETH ISRAEL CENTERITE

*Celebrating Jewish Life Together*

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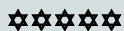
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## Upcoming Events

### Lifelong Learning Programs Kick Off in November

Learn with Rabbi Forester and other scholars in our community. Classes are offered on Sundays, weekdays, weeknights, and Shabbat afternoons. See page 7 for class descriptions and more.



**Scientists  
in Synagogues**

**Capstone Event  
Sunday, Nov. 10  
10:00am - 12:30pm**

Capping off our year-plus of Scientists in Synagogues programming, Dr. Hava Triosh-Samuels, director of Jewish Studies at Arizona State University, will give a talk on *Jews, Judaism, and Science in Historical Perspective*.

Following her talk, she will join a panel discussion on *The Intersection of Science and Spirituality* with our own Dr. Matt Banks, founder of the Madison Center for Jewish Meditation and a Professor of Anesthesiology and affiliate Professor of Neuroscience at UW-Madison, and Dr. Richie Davidson, the founding director of the Center for Healthy Minds at UW-Madison.

**All are welcome. Previous participation is not required. This event is free and open to the public. Please join us for refreshments after the program.**

Beth Israel Center and this event are part of the national Scientists in Synagogues project, a grass-roots initiative run by Sinai and Synapses in consultation with the American Association for the Advancement of Science Dialogue on Science, Ethics and Religion, and funded primarily by the John Templeton Foundation, along with other donors.

### Order Chanukah Candles

Support MOUSY and order by November 25. Details on page 9.

### Hanukkah Party - Sunday, December 22

Celebrate the first night of Hanukkah with family and friends at Beth Israel Center and with our shlich, Danielle Man.



### Supper Quiz - Saturday, January 18

It's the social event of the season! (And a fun fundraiser!) More info on page 18.

### MLK Youth Service Day - Monday, January 20

Children and youth in grades 1-8 from Beth Israel Center, First Congregational Church, and other congregations gather as a faith community in honor of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Watch your email for more information and contact Education Director Beth Copelovitch with any questions.



## Thoughts from the Rabbi...

### מחשבות *Makh'shavot: On Getting Our "Yid Lids" On*

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**If you are attending a meeting or class outside of regular office hours, contact the office with any questions about gaining access.**

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Next Centerite Deadline:  
**January 3, 2020**

When I first got married, I wore hats to *shul* because that's what I thought an egalitarian, observant, married woman wore. It marked my identity at that point in my life. Over time, I came to define myself a bit differently. I still wanted to cover my head, but not to signify that I was married. Covering my head became part of my spiritual practice,



reinforcing my self-identification as a studying Jew, a humble Jew, and a serious Jew—one whose head covering fit closely, like a hand cradling my thoughts, rather than one whose head covering was more of a fashion statement. Our tradition understands that what we wear shapes our attitudes and behavior. The Talmud tells us that the purpose of wearing a *kipah* is to remind wearers that God is present in their lives and to inculcate a humble attitude. Wearing a *kipah* reminds me that my intention in learning and doing is not for my own aggrandizement, but rather, to bring Divine goodness into our world.

Head covering is a custom that, at some point, took on the force of law. In ancient times, it was not widespread practice to cover one's head, even for worship. Those who did so were notable: Rav Pappa would wrap himself in his *tallit* and sit down to say grace; Rav Assi would spread a kerchief over his head" (BT Brakhot 51a). Over time, head covering became a more standard practice. By the 16th century, the *Shulkhan Arukh*, our major code of Jewish law and practice, stipulated the following: "There are those who prohibit the enunciation of God's name with an uncovered head, and there are those who say that one should be encouraged not to enter a synagogue with an uncovered head."

At first, I wore a *kipah* when praying or engaging in Jewish rituals. When I walked into our *shul* or the Jewish day school my children attended, I would put on my *kipah*. When I became a Jewish day school teacher, I started putting on my *kipah*

when I got dressed in the morning. I would remove it at the end of the school day. One day, after stopping at a shopping mall in the afternoon, I realized that I was still wearing my *kipah*. At first, I felt a little embarrassed, and then I wondered why. Wearing a *kipah* has become much more about who I was than where I was or what I was doing. My practice changed. Now, when I put on my *kipah*, it stays on all day, because I am a Jew all day.

The marker of humility and attunement to the sacred is also a marker of identity. When we look around a room and see many heads covered, we feel a communal bond. For many Jews, including many in our congregation, head covering feels natural upon entering any building in which prayers (including blessings for food) are recited, where Torah is read or studied, and where religious rituals take place.

I would like for us to aspire to be a community where *kipah* wearing reinforces the Jewish values of closeness to God, respect, and humility, as well as Jewish identity. In our building, I rarely see a *kipah* outside of the sanctuary. Our current standard is that we require all people who ascend the *bimah* to cover their heads. That applies to children, as well. Our Talmud Torah students have been studying the issue of head covering together on Shabbat mornings. They have learned about the values of shared communal practices and the actions we take to make ourselves conscious of the Divine Presence. They are thinking about where it seems right to cover their heads and where it may not feel right, at least for now. They are experimenting, not only with *kippot*, but also with headbands and other accessories. Soon, they will let me know what they feel and think about covering their heads.

I invite you to join in the experiment. I do not know where we will land, and I am eager to hear your feelings and thoughts as you try covering your head a bit more than you may have before reading this column. I acknowledge that this point

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## Sh'lom Bayit

As I write this the singing and davening of Yom Kippur still ring in my ears. For me, the day after Yom Kippur is the real beginning of the new year. And that is especially true this year because I am writing this on a plane as I head to Seattle to visit a new grand-niece.

For those of you who did not hear my speech after Kol Nidre, I'd like to summarize a key element of it here because I know it's one that is on the minds of many of you.

I presented, first of all, an inventory of our blessings. They are truly many, but one of the most important, and the one I want to focus on here, is *sh'lom bayit*. By that I mean the mutual respect and consideration we show each other whether we agree or not. This is an especially precious gift.

I then spoke of the challenges, that is, the threats to these blessings. In the brief space I have here I'm going to focus only on one, the rise of antisemitism. For perhaps the first time in the history of American Jewry we feel threatened in our synagogues. The horrific events of Pittsburgh mark an historic dividing line. Just as we as a nation now reckon time as before and after 9/11, as Jews we now reckon it as before and after Pittsburgh.

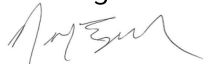
In my talk I outlined some of the things professional and lay leadership have done to keep us safe since Pittsburgh. We have had five professional security assessments and received high marks on all of them. Where improvements were suggested we have either implemented them or are working on them.

Most recently we adopted a revised access policy resulting in locking and monitoring the upstairs doors just as we do the downstairs. And here I want to mention something I did not say in my Kol Nidre address.

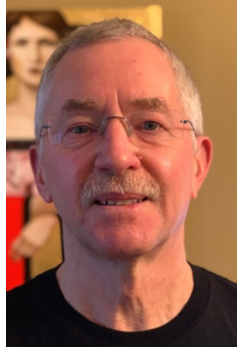
Many on the board were dissatisfied with the process that led to the adoption of this policy in September. They were right. In presenting and acting on the proposal, I did not follow the good governance policies of clear communication and adequate deliberation that should guide us. I have apologized to the board and vowed not to repeat that mistake.

I also realized that some members of the congregation want to know more about our security measures. While I understand this desire, I also know that best practices in security include not broadcasting our plan. However, that doesn't preclude listening, discussing options and answering questions in person. We will soon be holding forums in which congregants can express their views. These forums will not be venues where we make policy by popular vote; rather, they will serve to inform both professional and lay leadership so that we can make well informed decisions.

In closing let me reiterate the prayer I voiced on Erev Yom Kippur. I pray that all of us with the responsibility to weigh and act on this issue will do so wisely. Further, that whether satisfied or not with the resulting decisions, I pray that all will accept them as ones arrived at openly after wide-ranging consultation and deliberation. In short, I pray that this emotionally charged issue not diminish the blessing of *sh'lom bayit*.



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in our history may not feel like a time for broad and public *kipah* wearing. However, I am curious about what it would feel like if we made a more intentional practice of covering our heads when we gather, at least in our

building. I hope that you will be curious with me.



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# From the Executive Director's Desk

## The Naming of Funds

### Strategic Planning Update

Over the summer, our strategic planning committee began meeting to map out the course of writing a new strategic plan for Beth Israel Center.

We last engaged in a strategic planning effort a decade ago. Many of the goals in that plan have been achieved, so it is time to update our plan and set new goals so that we can make strategic, intentional decisions about which plans, ideas, programs and decisions will optimize our vision.

The committee will be seeking congregational input as it does its fact finding and plan drafting over the coming months.

Watch for requests for information, and feel free to share your thoughts with the committee members:

- Cynthia Hirsch, chair
- Trudy Barash
- Shoshana Bernard-Donals
- Emily Desai
- Yonah Drazen
- Jennie Edes-Pierotti
- Rick Ezell
- Sam Gellman
- Jordy Loeb
- Sara Mandell
- Bill Schwab
- Karen Shevet Dinah

Earlier this year, two important things happened related to our congregation's named and dedicated funds.

First, our Board updated the guidelines for naming dedicated funds. Proposed by our Development Committee and adopted by the Board in April, our new policy states that a fund may be named and its



purpose restricted (to support something in particular) with a gift of -- or a collection of gifts totaling -- \$10,000 or more.

The policy also addresses how long a fund will carry a name and particular purpose. A named fund will be reviewed after 10 years or sooner if the fund balance drops below \$1,000.

There are several thoughts behind these rules. First, names on funds inspire giving. The inspiration may be a cherished memory, a more general sense of honoring our congregation's history, or a specific relationship to the person or family for whom the fund is named... Barash, Heifetz, Holman/Weisbard, Levy, Mazor, Minkoff, Mintz, Rosenberg, Simon, Temkin, Weinschel...

Second, funds with low balances (under \$1,000) are insufficient to meet meaningful goals, such as growth (from interest), making significant purchases, or generally advancing the values the fund was established to support -- education, Kiddush, youth programming, Torah repair, etc.

It is also important that our dedicated funds continue to accomplish what they were established to do. Periodic evaluation of our dedicated funds will provide opportunities to determine if needs that motivated the establishment of the fund continue to be important. The review process may also lead to new contributions; that is, it may inspire

an effort to bring the fund's balance back up to a level where it can do the good intended by its founders and early donors.

All of that serves as background for how the Judith and Daniel Pierotti Social Justice Fund came to be. This beautiful chapter in our congregation's story began with Judy and Dan Pierotti's adult children seeking a meaningful celebration of Judy's milestone birthday, which was in September.

The family reached out to many of Judy and Dan's friends and extended family members asking for donations in celebration of Judy's birthday, in memory of Dan, and in honor of the commitment to social justice work that Dan, of blessed memory, and Judy have made over many decades, in several communities.

Their effort brought in new donations beyond the \$10,000 threshold, so we officially renamed the fund. Rabbi Forester had the honor of making this announcement during the September 14 Shabbat Kiddush sponsored in celebration of Judy's birthday. Judy's surprise, awe, and delight were palpable.

Thanks to the generosity of Judy and Dan's friends and family, our Social Justice Committee has almost three times as much to work with this year as it did the year before -- roughly \$4,400 compared with about \$1,500. (The Social Justice Committee may use up to 20 percent of the fund's balance at the beginning of our fiscal year as its annual budget, and this summer's effort tripled the fund's balance.)

The contributors who made this happen are listed on page 10. *Yasher koach* and thanks to each of them, to Matt and Jennie, Jeremy and Kathryn, Rachael and Jerry, and Alex and Kiah, and to Judy and Dan, z"l, for inspiring and doing such good and important work.

I am proud to be part of a *shul* where the Torah's command to pursue justice lives out so beautifully.

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# From the Education Director's Desk

## Spotlight on Shorashim

Shorashim, the class for Talmud Torah students in kindergarten, first and second grades, started off several years ago as an informal Shabbat gathering and has grown into a full-fledged Talmud Torah class on Shabbat mornings and Tuesday afternoons.

After hatching the idea of a progressive-type early elementary classroom for our K-2 students with Jewish experiential education expert and TT faculty member Ellen Weismer, I researched and reimagined education to ensure that the children learn as much as possible while also building relationships, making Judaism meaningful for them, and learning how to be good people in our society.

Mitchel Resnick's work on ideas and language at the MIT Media Lab, which I greatly admire, led us to adopt the "4 P's of creative learning" -- projects, passion, peers and play. From there, we constructed and explored different educational opportunities and groupings. Flexible groupings give

students every advantage to succeed and learn in as many ways as possible. For that reason, our K-2 students learn and play together during Talmud Torah.

Drawing on the expertise of the class' main teachers, Noam Scheepens and Ellen Weismer, we are blessed to combine the best of early childhood education, music, and Jewish camping into an all-encompassing Jewish education for our young students.



Do you know anyone who might thrive in our multiage, progressive class learning Jewish (and universal) values, stories and prayers through play and guided quests? Please put them in touch with me. I'd love to welcome them to Shorashim.

## NEW for Teens in 5780: Netivon, the next step in our journey!

Starting this fall, our education program is expanding for students in grades 8 through 12. Teens will gather on select Shabbat afternoons to build relationships with Rabbi Forester and their shul community while engaging with significant content and Jewish learning.

The years after becoming a bar or bat mitzvah are the most crucial time in identity formation. Adolescents need their own opportunities and expectations for engaging in Jewish life. Immersive and experiential educational programming provides lasting effects,

including connection to Jewish community in the present and increased Jewish engagement in the future.

To meet these needs, we are introducing a series of Shabbat experiences including a *Seudah Shlishit* (the third Shabbat meal) for different groups of 8th through 12th graders throughout the year. (See dates, left.) The Netivon schedule is designed to be convenient for teens who also attend Midrasha.

Netivon is independent of MOUSY and Kadima. We encourage our youth to join our youth groups and participate in activities, in addition to enrolling in Netivon. For more on MOUSY and Kadima, see page 10.

Do you know a teen who hasn't registered yet for Netivon? Enroll online now ([www.bethisraelcenter.org/netivon](http://www.bethisraelcenter.org/netivon)). Contact me or Rabbi Forester with any questions.

Beth Cohn Copelovitch  
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### Netivon 2019-20 dates by grade:

#### 8th & 9th

November 23  
February 22  
April 24-25

#### 10th

December 7  
March 7  
March 19 (film)  
April 24-25

#### 11th & 12th

December 7  
March 7  
March 19 (film)  
April 11

## Preschool Family Programs

### Berries & Jammies

Join Rabbi Forester on these Friday mornings starting at 8:00 to get ready for Shabbat together. Make challah. Sing songs. Enjoy berries. Come in your PJs! Rabbi Forester will.

January 31  
May 8



### Yom Rishon

Enjoy interactive family learning with Beth Copelovitch.

Meet other families with preschool-age children.

At Yom Rishon, we play, move, eat, sing, and do projects that teach us about Sukkot, Chanukah, and other holidays and Jewish themes.

Here are the remaining 5780 (2019-20) dates:

December 8  
February 23  
April 19

Please contact Beth with any questions about our family education programs.

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### The BIC Development Committee

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Matt Banks  
Steve Jellinek  
Jordy Loeb  
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Elissa Pollack, staff

Ex-officio:  
Rick Ezell, President  
Marci Katz, VP-Finance



### Hakarot HaTov

Our ongoing volunteer recognition program, Hakarot HaTov, takes its name from the Hebrew phrase that means *recognizing the good*.

Through this program, we regularly honor and thank members who serve in both extraordinary and the most routine of ways. The recognition takes place on Shabbat mornings a few times each year. The honoree's contributions are acknowledged briefly during services and with a modest celebratory addition to the day's Kiddush lunch.

While this is first and foremost about showing gratitude, donations in honor of the individuals being recognized and their contributions to our shul are welcome.

**October 26**  
**Sylvia Grunes**

**November 23**  
**David Balkansky**



## New in Development at BIC

### Securing our financial future

Long-term financial sustainability is key to organizational success. Planned estate gifts can play a significant role in the sustainability of Beth Israel Center. To encourage more members, former members, and others with connections to our community to remember Beth Israel Center when designating legacy gifts, the Board of Directors established the **יד לעתיד Yesod L'Atid / Legacy Society**.

To join Yesod L'Atid, all you need to do is name Beth Israel Center as a beneficiary of your estate. There is a simple online form (look on our Website under Ways to Give), and we'd be happy to take your information over the phone in the office.

Please contact any member of the Development Committee (listed on the left) with questions about legacy giving or about making gifts in your lifetime to support our congregation's program, facility, and future.

**Meanwhile, mark your calendar for Sunday, December 8, when the Kolot Kehillah (voices of our community) presentation will be about estate planning.** BIC and Development Committee member Jordy Loeb and his partner from Pines Bach, Juscha Robinson, will give a talk on estate planning for beginners as well as for those who think they have taken care of everything.

Discussions will include assigning guardians for minor children, making sure most of your estate is transferred to your beneficiaries while paying the least amount of taxes, end of life directives and much more. **Start your Sunday with a beautiful breakfast** prepared by Adult Education Committee members Barry Rich and Adrienne Boris Gross and their helpers.



**Kolot Kehillah Breakfast**



## Ways to Give

### Chesed Team

Members of the BIC Chesed Team visit individuals who find it difficult or impossible to attend services or other synagogue programs. Visits by members of the Chesed Team are intended to be social in nature, to extend the warmth of our community beyond the walls of Beth Israel Center.

If you or someone you know would like a friendly visit from a member of the Chesed Team, please contact Rabbi Betsy Forester at (608) 256-7763 or via email, [rabbi@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:rabbi@bethisraelcenter.org).

### Kindness Group

In times of simcha and in times of sorrow, a meal from a friend can be a great help. The loving kindness group of Beth Israel Center is made up of people who volunteer to make meals for congregants in times of need.

Email [kindness@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:kindness@bethisraelcenter.org) to be put on the list of volunteers or contact the office to find out more about the group.

If you or someone you know could benefit from some home-delivered meals, please do not hesitate to ask. Many people want to help, and needs are typically filled with surprising speed.



# Lifelong Learning Opportunities

*An overview of the coming year...*

Learn with Rabbi Betsy Forester and other scholars in our community. All classes listed here are offered free of charge.

## Living Torah: Sunday mornings, 9:00-10:30am

Make modern, meaningful sense out of the dynamic interplay between our lives and our tradition, exploring current topics through the lens of *halachah* (Jewish laws). The theme for 2019-20 is Others, Otherness and Us. Learning will begin with issues of race, leading into focused work on racial equity and combating racism in Madison and Dane County. Later in the year, we will study Jewish perspectives on LGBTQ inclusion.

Living Torah will take place in various formats over the year.

- 1) Text study on race in three parts: November 17, 24, December 15
- 2) Community-based learning: January/February (dates TBD)
- 3) Thursday, March 19: film and discussion led by the older teens in our Netivon program
- 4) Text study on LGBTQ inclusion in three parts: May 3, 19\*, 31 (\*May 19 is a Tuesday evening.)

## Kolot Kehilla: Sunday mornings, 9:30-11:00am

Our Sunday morning speaker series, Kolot Kehilla (voices of our community), continues as experts on various topics share their experiences and we enjoy a lovely breakfast together. Upcoming dates and topics:

- December 8 - Jordy Loeb and Juscha Robinson / estate planning
- February 2 - Steve Nadler / Menasseh ben Israel: The Most Famous Jew in the World
- May 17 - Michael and Kathi Johnson Rock / hummingbirds

## Studio Sinai: Sunday mornings, 9:00-noon

A midrash class in which we unpack tensions and emotions beneath the surface of biblical texts. Each session stands alone:

- February 16
- March 8
- April 26

## Yiddish: Monday evenings, 7:00pm

Join Yiddish enthusiast and talented teacher Sylvia Grunes. Sylvia builds a love for Yiddish language and culture through her long-running classes. All levels welcome and encouraged to attend.

## Rabbi's Talmud Class: January-March 2020

Learn how to study Talmud and delve into meanings and interpretations of the text. Hebrew decoding skills are required. Talmud beginners, advanced learners, and everyone in between is welcome!

A series of six classes will begin the last week of January 2020 and run through early March. The same content will be offered on six Wednesday mornings (9:15-11:00) and six Thursday evenings (7:30-9:15) beginning January 29 / 30.

## Merchav Ha'Lev Meditation

In the fall, winter, and spring, spend a Shabbat afternoon meditating, chanting, and engaging with Jewish texts. All are welcome, from folks new to meditation to experienced practitioners. The Winter retreat is on February 29, 2020. Email [merchavlev@gmail.com](mailto:merchavlev@gmail.com) for more information.

## More Learning Opportunities

### Project Zug

Looking for a chevruta (study partner)? Contact Beth for information about being part of our Project Zug online learning cohort. Project Zug comes from The Hadar Institute, a yeshiva where Rabbi Forester has studied.

### Parasha Study: Shabbat afternoons

About once a month after Kiddush, stick around (or come) for a focused study and discussion of the week's Torah portion with Rabbi Forester. The first session after the fall holidays will be November 9. Check the calendar for more dates. All ages welcome!

### Daveners' Studio

Want to learn or sharpen your service leading skills? Our Ritual Committee will be holding group learning sessions and they want to know what you want to learn. Please email Ritual Committee Chair Mark Copelovitch, [mcopelov@gmail.com](mailto:mcopelov@gmail.com) or speak with him in shul.

### Study Buddies

In addition to the classes described on this page, we love to help connect members who wish to learn and hone ritual skills, such as leading services and chanting Torah, with congregants who enjoy teaching these skills.

Please contact Education Director Beth Copelovitch, Rabbi Forester, or Ritual Committee Chair Mark Copelovitch to start a conversation about what you'd like to learn.

Call the office, email [education@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:education@bethisraelcenter.org) or [rabbi@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:rabbi@bethisraelcenter.org), or talk with the Rabbi, Beth, or Mark in shul some time.



**2019-20  
Regional and  
International  
Conventions**

CHUSYfest  
Fall Convention  
Friday-Sunday  
November 8-10  
Lake Delton, Wisconsin

Regional Kadima  
Konvention  
Friday-Sunday  
December 6-8

International USY  
Convention (IC)  
Sunday-Thursday  
December 22-26  
Ontario, California

CHUSY Spring Kinnus  
Convention  
Friday-Sunday  
April 3-5



**Observe Shabbat!  
Take Standardized  
Tests on Sunday**

Study hard and feel great because, by taking the test on a Sunday, you increase your Shabbat observance and help to guarantee that this option is available for Jewish students in the future!

**2019-20  
Sunday SAT Dates:**

November 3  
December 8  
June 7

SAT registration info:  
866-756-7346.

**2019-20  
Sunday ACT Dates:  
TBD**

ACT Registration info:  
319-337-1270.



**By Word of Mouse**

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Our fun-loving MOUSY high school youth group enjoys exciting social get-togethers, community service projects, recreational activities, and religious and educational programs throughout the school year.

On Sunday, September 15, MOUSY ushered in the new year with one of our most meaningful community youth events—the annual **Rosh Hashanah Gift Bags**—with 23 members from MOUSY of BIC, along with our friends from



MaTTY of Temple Beth El, Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, and BBYO, in collaboration with Jewish Social Services. Our teenagers got together to socialize, assemble holiday bags, make greeting cards, and then deliver these gifts to nearly 50 area Jewish seniors. Kol HaKavod to Paul Borowsky of JSS, as well as youth presidents and advisers for coordinating this mitzvah program.



On the weekend of Friday-Sunday, September 20-22, three of our teens, Debbie Rudin, Mia Kurzer, and Maya Becker, along with Youth Director Deborah Hoffman, attended the regional **CHUSY Leadership Training Institute** at Camp Nageela Midwest in Illinois.

MOUSY joined 153 other USY high school board officers from three different regions, spanning from Pennsylvania to Wisconsin to Colorado for a Shabbaton filled with fun and creative programming, spirited singing, leadership training, and new friends.



**2019-20  
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**Leila Loeb  
Yael Rosenblatt**

Yasher Koach to MOUSY youth, Maya Desai, Jacob Kianovsky, Debbie Rudin, Mirra Bleher, Micah Copelovitch, Lily Matthews-Needelman, and Kol Goldman for beautifully chanting Haftarat Yonah at Yom Kippur Mincha service on Wednesday, October 9.

Additional kudos to our high-schoolers, who helped with the High Holiday Youth Program downstairs during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, as well as the ongoing Kehillat Noar Hadracha program of tefillah tutors.



**Upcoming Programs -- watch your email and the MOUSY Facebook page for info!**

- ✧ Environmental Awareness Workshop ✧
- ✧ Shabbat Schmooze ✧
- ✧ No Sew Fleece Blankets ✧

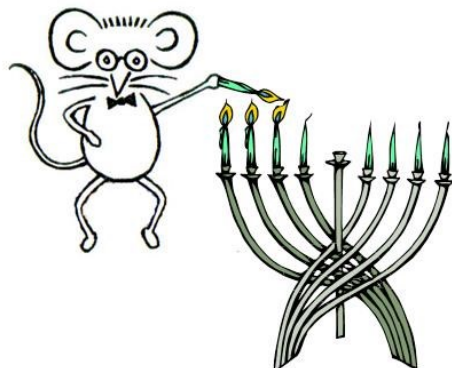


**ORDER CHANUKAH CANDLES & SUPPORT MOUSY!**

Chanukah is closer than you think! MOUSY is again offering pre-orders only for a box of deluxe and decorative Chanukah candles to our BIC congregants. To place your order for Israeli-made, stylish holiday candles that are hand-dipped and -crafted by skilled Safed artisans in the Galilee, either mail in your payment of \$18 per box to MOUSY of Beth Israel Center, or contact Deborah Hoffman at hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org or (608) 256-7763 by **Monday, November 25**.

Your generous support of MOUSY goes toward our outstanding programming, our chapter donations to Madison and USY Tikun Olam charities, and the Shabbat experience of our members to attend regional retreats and International Convention.

We will have your candles available for pick-up on **Tuesday, December 17 and Thursday, December 19 from 4:00 to 6:00pm** at BIC. Don't be caught unawares—the first night of Chanukah is Sunday, December 22, 2019.



**Yahrzeits**

**3 Heshvan / Nov 1**  
Rabbi Gary Diamond  
Harry Schackter

**4 Heshvan / Nov 2**  
Yudel Brandt  
Harry Frank  
Hersch Goldstein  
Yiddel Mosheh Goldstein  
Goldie Portnoy  
Rebecca Seidman  
Eva Shenker  
Sadie Silver

**5 Heshvan / Nov 3**  
Bernice Coppersmith  
Helen Goldman  
Theodore Jellinek  
Minnie Simmons  
Max Tuerkheimer  
Ruth Oster Weisbard

**6 Heshvan / Nov 4**  
Jacob Cooper  
Minnie Kessel  
Avrom Kniaz  
Charles Layton  
Steve Orman  
Leonard A Sweet

**7 Heshvan / Nov 5**  
Dora Cohen Gross  
Chaim Katsnelson  
Arthur Sweet  
Max Weinstein

**8 Heshvan / Nov 6**  
Helene Goldman  
Dora Kapetovske  
Herman Kaufman  
Patricia Lohr Haas  
Herman Mintz  
Sam Nager  
Rose Passon  
Beatrice Rosenthal

**9 Heshvan / Nov 7**  
Sol Kaplan  
Stanley Langer  
Lillian Levin

**10 Heshvan / Nov 8**  
Sydney Bernard  
Michael Karp

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**11 Heshvan / Nov 9**

Joseph Frank  
Sarah Rebekah  
Goldberg  
Bella Goldstein  
Marvin Gottlieb

**12 Heshvan / Nov 10**

Jacob Altschuler  
Herman Argand  
Pnina Karsh  
Bessie Katz  
Aaron Kerlow  
Frances Mesuse

**13 Heshvan / Nov 11**

Faye Jacobs  
Irving Levy  
Celia Weigler  
Eli Wolman

**14 Heshvan / Nov 12**

Marcy Deutsch  
Harry Luterman  
Ruth Seder  
Minnie Sokolov  
Reva Sweet

**15 Heshvan / Nov 13**

Harry Diamantstein  
Al Frank  
Erin Karp  
Lilly Kopelberg  
Max Kulakowsky  
Meir Lazimy  
Sam Sadoff  
Della Zimmerman  
Philip Zlochenko

**16 Heshvan / Nov 14**

Norman Feldman  
Jake Heifetz  
D.J. Wasserstrom

**17 Heshvan / Nov 15**

Harry Joselewitz  
Sam Seidman

**18 Heshvan / Nov 16**

Toyba Black  
Harvey Korshak  
Benny Sweet  
Bertha Sweet Wener

Over the summer, a quiet and personal fundraising effort that was somehow kept secret from Judy Pierotti, co-chair of our Social Justice Committee and a dedicated member of Beth Israel Center since 1979, led to the naming of the Judith & Daniel Pierotti Social Justice Fund. (For more of this story, see page 4.)

*Thanks to these and a few anonymous contributors for making this happen:*

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# Social Justice Volunteer Opportunities

## Men's Shelter

Beth Israel Center members have been serving meals at Porchlight's Emergency Shelter for Men in downtown Madison for decades. Beth Israel Center is responsible for serving dinner on the second Sunday each month and breakfast the next morning. The shelter is at Grace Episcopal Church, at 116 West Washington Ave. At press time, there were many open slots!

## Meals on Wheels

For many years, Beth Israel Center volunteers have delivered meals to elderly and disabled Dane County residents as part of the Meals on Wheels program of Home Health United (now SSM Health at Home). Our volunteers deliver about 10 lunchtime meals on weekdays (except Jewish holidays) throughout the year. Each route takes about 1½ hours. Volunteers often form relationships with the people they are helping and enjoy visiting with them. Meals on Wheels volunteers see first-hand the benefits they provide: helping people maintain independence and remain in their own homes, as well as receiving a nutritious meal. Call Larry Bensky at (608) 238-2569 to volunteer, to schedule a "ride-a-long" to see how the program works, or for more information about the program.

## Refugee Resettlement

Jewish Social Services continues to resettle refugee families. Contact BIC or JSS or watch your email for opportunities to provide support.



# Shabbat Kiddush

**A Time for Togetherness** The Beth Israel Center Shabbat kiddush serves an important purpose in the life of our community. It is a special time and place to come together to celebrate Shabbat with our *kehilla* (sacred community) and to actively embody the mitzvah of *hachnasat orchim* (welcoming guests). If you would like to join the kiddush crew and be part of this vital – and fun! – Beth Israel Center tradition, email [hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org) or call (608) 256-7763 for information.

**Looking to honor someone?** One of the many ways people honor special occasions - and special people - is to make a donation to Beth Israel Center's Martin and Serene Mazor Kiddush fund or to sponsor an entire kiddush with a donation of \$360 or more. To donate to the Kiddush fund, simply send an email to [office@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:office@bethisraelcenter.org) with the amount of your donation and in whose honor you're making it, and we'll take it from there. Sponsorship information is available online (look under Ways to Give) or by calling Deborah Hoffman or Elissa Pollack at (608) 256-7763.

### Appreciation for recent and upcoming Kiddush sponsorships:

- August 24: Ted & Irene Knupp to celebrate Ted's birthday and their 40 years of BIC membership.
- August 31: Naomi Chesler & Dan Sidney on the occasion of their daughter Amelia becoming a Bat Mitzvah
- September 14: Family of Judy Pierotti to celebrate a milestone birthday
- September 28: Judith Blank to celebrate her birthday
- October 19: Yonah Drazen & Megan Sanders-Drazen to celebrate their son Avi's first birthday.
- November 2: Allan Levin to observe a *yahrzeit*.
- November 16: Elana Matthews & William Needelman on the occasion of their son Ezra becoming a Bar Mitzvah
- November 30: Jon & Elissa Pollack for Jon's Bar Mitzvah, revisited.

## Yahrzeits

### 19 Heshvan / Nov 17

Phylis Skloot  
Bamberger  
Rebecca Cohen  
Chaim Field  
Judy Siegel  
D Bernard Weinberg

### 20 Heshvan / Nov 18

Clara Rothblatt

### 21 Heshvan / Nov 19

Isadore Goldstein  
Sidney Laitman  
Hyman Marlowe  
Dottie Weiner

### 22 Heshvan / Nov 20

Abe Gast  
Lila Hodes  
Gussie Lorber  
Lippa Nathenson  
Phillip Siegel  
Leo Stein  
Bessie Vein

### 23 Heshvan / Nov 21

Abraham Felsher  
Mathilde Salomon

### 24 Heshvan / Nov 22

David Cramer  
Mae Levy  
Dorothy Nelson  
Horace Rosen

### 25 Heshvan / Nov 23

Victor Dorret  
Bess Frank  
Sarah Gordon  
Lena Peturs  
Irving S Saposnik  
Andrea Stein

### 26 Heshvan / Nov 24

Ella Glass  
Neal Loeb  
Bertha Rubin  
David Zaichick

### 27 Heshvan / Nov 25

Daniel Goldstein  
Frank Quick  
Joseph Vein  
Solomon Volpiansky  
Ida Weinstein

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## Yahrzeits

### 28 Heshvan / Nov 26

Fritz Gutmann  
Tova Shabtaie  
Fannie Sweet  
Sarah Sweet

### 29 Heshvan / Nov 27

Pearl Balkansky  
Rachel Dworetzky  
Beatrice Feit  
Martin Kaufman  
Pinie Morgensteren  
Ann Rock  
David Root  
Dov Schwartz  
Eli Shelef  
Milton Slavney

### 1 Kislev / Nov 29

Ivan Lavine

### 2 Kislev / Nov 30

Roger Alain de Laix  
Sam Levin  
Eleanor Onheiber  
David Silverman  
Aaron Slavney

### 3 Kislev / Dec 1

Daniel D Alexander  
Geneva Boissonnault  
Joseph W Epstein  
Isaac Kanter  
Morris Root  
Robert Schneider  
Abraham M Wolfson

### 4 Kislev / Dec 2

Isadore Goldstein  
Betty Lewis  
Max Meister  
Rachel Recht

### 5 Kislev / Dec 3

Cara Hoffert  
Lizzie Silverman  
Maurice Silverman

### 6 Kislev / Dec 4

George Behrman  
Sol Frank  
Earl Gladstein  
Rebecca Rosenberg

### 7 Kislev / Dec 5

Alfred Barth  
Tibor Lax  
Sam Lewis  
Alex Swartz

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## Volunteer Appreciation

**Volunteers make these and many more things happen at Beth Israel Center. Rav todot to our recent...**

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**Kolot Kehilla Crew:** Adrienne Borisy-Gross, Roz Gusinow, Kazu Kitano, Barry Rich, Sarah & Zach Masa-Myers.

**Annual Meeting Dinner Crew:** David Balkansky, Joshua Gabai, Ashley Gordon, Adam Mednick

**High Holiday Setup Helpers:** David Balkansky, Matt Banks, Marsha Cohen, Mark Copelovitch, Esther Criscuola deLaix, Emily Desai, Nikki Dolin, Yonah Drazen, Daniel Goldman, Leslie Greenspan, Si Hellerstein, Erica Kesin Richmond, Bill Schwab, Rayla Temin

**High Holiday Ushers:** David Balkansky, David Baum, Hannah Bernard-Donals, Dawn Berney, Bennett Berson, Ankur Desai, Roz Gusinow, Rita Hindin, Jonathan Ivry, Henry Jasen, Steve Jellinek, Jeff Lindholm, Jordy Loeb, Adam Mednick, Bart Miller, Barry Mirkin, Tziporah Quick, Ilona Rodan Ganetzky, Nathan Rudin, Russ Shafer-Landau, Karen Shevet Dinah, Dan Sidney, Jim Wear, Paul Wilson

**Yom Kippur Break Fast Crew:** Donna Anderson, Erica Kesin Richmond, Kazu Kitano, Sarah Masa-Myers, Josh Onheiber, Michael Onheiber, Tziporah Quick, Marti Tenzer

**Porchlight Men's Shelter Meals:** Harvey Barash, David Baum, Simone Schweber, Merle Sternberg

**Laundry Angels:** Livia Asher, Hannah Bernard-Donals, Leslie Fields, Patricia Green-Sotos, Kazu Kitano, Tziporah Quick, Kevin Shelley, Karen Shevet Dinah



## Mazal Tov to...

- Maureen & Jonthan Miner on the birth of their daughter Rosemary in August, and to grandparents Don & Kathy Miner, and the entire family
- Judy Greenberg & Dan Stolz on the birth of their daughter Yona in August, and to Yona's brothers Lev and Gavi
- Anne Altshuler & David Sulman on the birth of their granddaughter Erica Ruth in September, and also to Erica's parents, Benjamin Sulman and Fernanda Santos
- Clara & Rafi Lazimy on the birth of their granddaughter Sofia in September, and also to Sofia's parents, Sigal and Femi, and brother Isaac
- The Minkoff family -- parents Caren & Ari, grandparents Joel & Debbie, sister Eva, uncles & aunts Michael & Lainie, Josh & Kaylee, Ben & Sarah; and cousins Eitan and Ori -- on the arrival of Ammi Jacob in October



## Condolences to the families of...

- Donald Garelick, brother-in-law of Marcus Cohen, in August
- Sidney Goldstein, brother of Herman Goldstein, in August
- Erika Weinfeld, sister-in-law of Rayla Temin, in August
- Dr. Robert John Barish, brother of Larry (Sharon) Barish, in September
- Aaron Greenspan, father of Daniel (Leslie) Greenspan, grandfather of Ilana and Jonathan, in October



## Book Dedications

The next time you're looking for a way to honor a special person, couple, family or occasion, or memorialize a loved one, consider dedicating a prayerbook! For \$36, you can dedicate a weekday siddur, for \$54 a High Holy Day Mahzor Lev Shalem, and for \$72 an Etz Chayim Chumash.

Complete and submit the form below or call (608) 256-7763 or email [office@bethisraelcenter.org](mailto:office@bethisraelcenter.org) and tell us in whose honor or memory the book(s) should be dedicated, and we'll take it from there.

### BETH ISRAEL CENTER BOOK DEDICATION FORM

I would like to dedicate (write in the number of books):

\_\_\_\_\_ Weekday Siddur/Siddurim — minimum donation \$36 per book

\_\_\_\_\_ Etz Chayim Chumash/Chumashim — minimum donation \$72 per book

\_\_\_\_\_ Mahzor Lev Shalem (High Holiday prayerbooks) — minimum donation \$54 per book

For each dedicated book, please provide the following:

In (*circle one*) honor / memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_

Dedicated by:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### Yahrzeits

#### 8 Kislev / Dec 6

Leonard Baumblatt  
Lorraine Borsuk

#### 9 Kislev / Dec 7

Stanley Cohen  
Bertha Friedman  
Henry Rosenberg

#### 10 Kislev / Dec 8

Ida Andrusier Schwartz  
Betty Mandell  
Irving Maydeck  
Julius Mintz  
Louis Rodman  
Za'av Rosenberg  
Rose Sweet

#### 11 Kislev / Dec 9

Peter Druch  
Morris Frank  
Morris Lazar  
Sam Waisman

#### 12 Kislev / Dec 10

Max Friedman  
Emanuel "Muni" Mark  
Jake Temkin

#### 13 Kislev / Dec 11

Theodore Hirschfeld  
Dorothy Lerner

#### 14 Kislev / Dec 12

Andrew Martin Benedict  
Herman Richey  
Pauline Rosenthal  
Clara Shapiro

#### 15 Kislev / Dec 13

Ida Chudacoff  
Isadore Schuster

#### 16 Kislev / Dec 14

Fannie Battalen  
Ed Pickett  
Arnold Simon

#### 17 Kislev / Dec 15

Herman Cohen  
Susanne Gellman  
Pola Gordon  
Esther Zatlun

#### 18 Kislev / Dec 16

Celia Borenstein  
Louis Gross  
Julia Cotton Grunes  
Ann Siegel

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## Yahrzeits

### 19 Kislev / Dec 17

Idabella Rosen  
Jacob Meyer Schwam

### 20 Kislev / Dec 18

Marie Moncy

### 21 Kislev / Dec 19

Louis Kaufman  
Bernardo Morgensteren  
Dov Morgensteren  
Clara Novick  
Morris Schackter  
Franya Sotbotka

### 22 Kislev / Dec 20

Sarah Klitsner  
Daniel Wiener

### 23 Kislev / Dec 21

Arthur L. Alpert  
Menashe Lazimy  
Dorothy Miller  
Sampson L. Myers  
Morris Schwab  
Akiva Temkin

### 24 Kislev / Dec 22

Jerome Berson  
Judge S.B. Schein

### 25 Kislev / Dec 23

Evelyn Friedman  
Regina Grunes Gordon  
Nathan Pressman  
June Schlossberg  
Leah Sweet

### 26 Kislev / Dec 24

Cynthia Von Klingler  
Harry Zitowsky

### 27 Kislev / Dec 25

Jesse Battalen  
Joseph Beitel  
Regina Charon  
Melvin Gutmann  
Dora Jacobson  
Leo Sulman

### 28 Kislev / Dec 26

Jane Larson  
Faith Meissner Macke  
Bessie Schwab  
Edward Soref  
Max J. Victor  
Jane Wolman

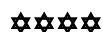
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## Memorial & Tribute Gifts

Memorial and tribute gifts may be made at any time to Beth Israel Center's general fund or any of the funds listed on the following pages. To donate, send us a check, call the office (608-256-7763) with a credit card number, or go to [www.bethisraelcenter.org](http://www.bethisraelcenter.org) and click on the "Donate" icon.

Below and on the following pages is a record of the memorial and tribute gifts made to these funds between mid-July and mid-October.



### Art Fund

*in memory of*

**Louis Battalen** from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

### Abe Barash Fund

*in honor of*

**The wedding anniversary of Bill Schwab & Leslie Grant** from Laeh Grant

*in memory of*

**Rose Karan** from Dr. Val Karan

**Abe Barash Yahrzeit** and **Hilda Barash** from Eva Eiseman

**David Schwab** from Laeh Grant

**Rudolph Dolezal** from Sion & Jane Shabtaie

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*in honor of*

**Nicki & Ken Milin** from Harvey Temkin & Barbara Myers Temkin

*in memory of*

**Cole Slavney** from Phillip Slavney

**Harry Hirschfeld** from Sherry Hirschfeld

**Sam Schwartz** from Steven Schwartz

**Jack Portnoy** from Marilyn & Stuart Cooper

### Fund for the Future

*in memory of*

**Bessie Onheiber** from Sam & Maria Onheiber

**Israel** and **Eugina Rozmaity** from Yoram & Lucyna Shenker

### General Fund

*in honor of*

**Jonathan & Marueen Miner's new daughter** from Theodore & Irene Knupp

**Shira Forester's college graduation** from Diane & Shai Halivni

**Si & Billie Hellerstein's 60th wedding anniversary** from Irwin Goldman &

Leora Saposnik

**Ron & Cher Diamond's granddaughter's naming** from Karen Shevet Dinah

**A wonderful Rosh Hashanah in Madison** from Ken & Sue Cohn

**Sol Zaichik and the Minyan crew** from Michael & Jane Fox

**Ted Knupp** from Si & Billie Hellerstein

*in memory of*

**Susan Knapp Lundquist** from Alan & Laurie Schwartzstein

**Arthur Dodd** from Daniel & Sharon Langer

**Max Sweet** from David & Cheryl Rosen

**Ida Wyman** from David Amborn, Heather Garrison, Sarah Donovan, and

Sylvia Poppelbaum

**Haskell Friedman** from David Friedman

**Mary Cohen** from Debbie Alden

**Molly Challov Goldstein** from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

**Amy Azen** from Edwin Azen

**Franklin Mann** from Frances Mann

**Ralph** and **Charlotte Musin** from Mark Musin

**Hyman Landweber** and **Herman Lazarov** from Mr. & Mrs. Larry Landweber

**Samuel Springberg** from Peter Springberg



# Memorial & Tribute Gifts (Con't.)

## General Fund

*in memory of (continued from previous page)*

**Coleman Slavney** from Phyllis Eisenberg

**Erika Weinfeld** from Renata Laxova and family and Steve & Bobbie Jellinek

**Ruth Spar** from Theodore & Irene Knupp and Rabbi Charles & Krayna Feinberg

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*in memory of*

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**Norton Gahr** from Samuel Moss

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*in memory of*

**Helen Haber** from Sheldon Haber

**Beatrice Marlowe** and **Isadore Rubin** from Robert & Judith Rubin

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*in honor of*

**Judith Blank's Birthday** from Eve Siegel

**Ted Knupp's 70th Birthday** from Rafael & Clara Lazimy

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**Isadore Goldstein** from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

**Stephanie Stone and Daniel Pekarsky on their departure for their adventure/experiment in New York** from Rayla Temin

## Matzoh Fund

*in memory of*

**Fannie Battalen** from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

## Martin & Serene Mazor Kiddush Fund

*in honor of*

**Si & Billie Hellerstein's wedding anniversary** and **Si's Bar Mitzvah anniversary** from Karen Shevet Dinah

**Francesca Rodriquez for achieving conversion and her first Aliyah** from Kazu Kitano

**Sarah for earning her Ph.D., Judy Greenberg & Daniel Stolz on the birth of their daughter, Amelia Sidney on her bat mitzvah, Sol's birthday,**

**Anne Altshuler & David Sulman on the birth of their granddaughter, Ted Knupp's special birthday** and **Judith Blank on her special birthday** from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

**Nancy & David Resnick's 50th Wedding Anniversary** from Rayla Temin

**Parents, Sigal & Femi Fadumiye and grandparents, Clara & Rafi Lazimy on the birth of Sofia** from Theodore & Irene Knupp

*in memory of*

**Harry Altshuler** and **Blanche Altshuler** from David Sulman & Anne Altshuler

**Sol Goldstein** and **Dr. Robert Barish** from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

**Archie Loeb** from Marc Shovers & Jan Loeb

**Linda Tetzlaff** from Michael & Barbara Pratzel

**Erika Weinfeld** and **Donald Garelick** from Michael Pressman & Marsha Cohen

**Meir Hayman** from Moshe & Haya Yuchtman

**Ruth Spar** from Rayla Temin

## Yahrzeits

### 29 Kislev / Dec 27

Abraham J Rosenberg  
Yehoshua Zaichick

### 30 Kislev / Dec 28

Miriam Joselewitz  
Phillip Kaplan

### 1 Tevet / Dec 29

Frieda Borenstein  
Josephine Dodd  
Isadore Kosowsky  
Charles Smith

### 2 Tevet / Dec 30

William Bloom  
Richard Kaplan  
Martha Wechselblatt  
Skloot

### 3 Tevet / Dec 31

Phillip Becker  
Sol Goldstein  
Bart Green  
Max Sklar  
Harry Sweet

### 4 Tevet / January 1

Oscar Karp  
Leila Kniaz  
Tova Magness  
Eva L Moss

### 5 Tevet / January 2

Ruth Beitel  
Augusta Schackter  
Esther Shapiro  
Ben Sweet  
Gordon Wein  
Sylvia Minnie Wein

### 6 Tevet / January 3

George Arfa  
Gertrude Jacoby  
Abraham Joselewitz  
Estelle Sweet Juster  
Alvin Lorber  
Nancy Nadler  
Lorraine Pollock  
Harry Wigonitz

### 7 Tevet / January 4

Richard Max Katz  
Irving Rudin

### 8 Tevet / January 5

Fanny Cherkas  
M David Wolman

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## Yahrzeits

### 9 Tevet / January 6

Oscar Bentley  
Natasha S Deutsch  
Helen Karp

### 9 Tevet / January 6

Sam Schuster  
Gertrude Steinberger  
Ben Wein

### 10 Tevet / January 7

Rudolph Becker  
Sarah Frankel  
Thelma Goren  
Bruce Lundquist  
Herman Mack  
Abraham Paster  
Russell Pollock  
Louis Stein

### 11 Tevet / January 8

Harold Blachman  
Lydia Kniaz  
Bessie Ruttenberg  
Carl Schlam  
Frances Spitz

### 12 Tevet / January 9

Rebecca Greenwald  
Bella Radbil  
Oscar Randy

### 13 Tevet / January 10

Rose Heifetz  
Sushie Hershkowitz  
Irene Margolis  
Hyman C Shapiro  
Herman Stein  
Moshe Yaskow Temkin  
Shaine Rochel Temkin

### 14 Tevet / January 11

Abraham Blumenfeld  
Martin Deutschkron  
Eric Paskin  
Celia Temkin

### 15 Tevet / January 12

Frank Melnik  
Paul Stein

### 16 Tevet / January 13

Arthur Bernard Figler  
Raymond Lassen  
Larry Mazursky  
Ida Paley  
Abraham Sweet  
Sophie Sweet



## Memorial & Tribute Gifts (Con't.)

### Mintz Fund

*in memory of*

**Bayla Rachel Mazursky** from Howard & Sally Mazur  
**Bonnie Shafrin's brother** and **Phyllis Finn** from Phyllis Mintz Eisenberg

### Judith and Daniel Pierotti Social Justice Fund

*in honor of*

**Judy Pierotti's Milestone Birthday** from Neal & Marci Katz  
**David & Nancy Resnick's 50th Wedding Anniversary** from Karen Shevet  
Dinah, Livia Asher, and Robert & JoAnn Skloot  
**Judy Pierotti's Birthday** from Sylvia Grunes

*in memory of*

**Jesse Battalen** from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein  
**Sidney Goldstein** and **Erika Weinfeld** from Judy Pierotti

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*in memory of*

**Henry Levine** from Maurice Edwards  
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**Genevieve Ruben** from Arnold & Sharon Ruben  
**Louis Wein** from Nancy & Loretta Wein  
**Sidney Goldstein** from Rayla Temin  
**Bruce Kay** from Ron & Nicole Dolin  
**Anna Blumenfeld, Rose Weinstein and Benjamin Weinstein** from Sol & Corlie Blumenfeld

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*in honor of*

**Rabbi Forester and all of the BIC professional staff who helped us welcome our daughter with so much love** from Daniel Stolz & Judith Greenberg  
**Matthias Neuman Smith** from Francie Smith Saposnik  
**Rabbi Forester** from Gary & Cheri Keen  
**Judy Pierotti's 70th birthday** from Herman Goldstein  
**Rabbi Forester on the occasion of Rosemary's giyur and brita** from Jonathan & Maureen Miner  
**Neal Katz's retirement** and **Ted Knupp's birthday** from Sylvia Grunes

*in memory of*

**Gregory Boissonnault** from Bill & Jill Boissonnault  
**Herman Goldstein's beloved brother, Sid Goldstein** from Daniel Pekarsky & Stephanie Stone  
**Frederick Lewis** from Herbert Lewis & Francie Saposnik  
**Dr. Donald Garelick** and **Erika Weinfeld** from Herman Goldstein  
**Miriam Siroky** and **Erika Weinfeld** from Livia Asher  
**Robert Gold** from Marion Gold  
**Max Gold** from Marion Gold  
**Rae Rapkin** from Mitch & Sharon Rapkin  
**Kazu Kitano's father** from Roz Levin  
**Erika Weinfeld** from Si & Billie Hellerstein

### Rosenberg Education Fund

*in memory of*

**Dr. Robert J. Barish** from Larry & Sharon Barish  
**Julia Lakritz** from Mr. Sheldon Haber  
**Maurice Amdur, Louis Fine, Benyamin Fine, Cecile Rogut, and Joseph Amdur Fine** from Hilda Fine

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### Rosenberg Library Fund

*in memory of*

**Patricia Cohler** from Bill & Jill Boissonnault  
**Gilbert Rosenberg** from Lyn Rosenberg  
**David Isaac Grant Schwab** from Matthew & Jennie Edes-Pierotti  
**Anna Schwam** from Mr. Emanuel Schwam  
**Norman Frank** from Phyllis Schwartz

### Shirley Epstein Fund

*in memory of*

**Esther & Jerry Shapiro** from Larry & Sharon Barish  
**Norton Gahr and Bill Schwartz** from Dorothy Schwartz  
**Judy Siegel** from Eve & Lynn Siegel  
**Norman Zaichick and Sarah Zaichick** from Sol Zaichick

### Talmud Torah Fund

*in honor of*

**The birth of Rabbi Greenberg & Daniel Stoltz's daughter** from Matthew & Jennie Edes-Pierotti

*in memory of*

**Sarah Knupp** from Theodore & Irene Knupp  
**Ethel Battalen Goldstein** from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein

### David Temkin Camp Ramah Fund

*in honor of*

**Si & Billie Hellerstein's 60th wedding anniversary the 75th anniversary of Si's bar mitzvah** from Rayla Temin

*in memory of*

**Erika Greenberg** from Rabbi Charles & Mrs. Krayna Feinberg  
**Sid Goldstein and Ruth Spar** from Si & Billie Hellerstein  
**Sid Goldstein** from Harvey Temkin & Barbara Myers Temkin

### Joe Temkin Education Fund

*in honor of*

**the birth of Don & Kathy Miner's granddaughter** from Harvey Temkin & Barbara Myers Temkin

### Weinshel Torah Repair & Maintenance Fund

*in memory of*

**Benjamin Rothblatt** from Cheryl Lerner  
**Moshe Yidel Goldstein, Yudel Brandt and Hirsch Goldstein** from Bruce Thomadsen & Louise Goldstein  
**David Ottenstein** from Jay Ottenstein  
**Sidney Goldstein** from Karen Shevet Dinah

### Youth Fund

*in honor of*

**Ted Knupp's 70th birthday** from Daniel & Bettine Lipman

*in memory of*

**Sarah Knupp** from Theodore & Irene Knupp



Our congregation is grateful to each and every donor recognized on these pages. Every gift makes it possible for us to create a community that is alive with celebration, learning, prayer and tikkun olam. Todah Rabbah!

### Yahrzeits

#### 17 Tevet / January 14

Rose Argand  
Frank Cohen  
Esther Sweet Frank  
Sam Picus  
Helen Sinagub  
Louis Abraham Terman  
Joseph Wyman

#### 18 Tevet / January 15

Nehama Grant Kaufman  
Gofberg  
Benjamin Heifetz  
Bessie Ottenstein  
Sayde Schackter  
Moshe Yaakov Temkin

#### 19 Tevet / January 16

Abraham Freedman  
Debra Friedman  
Patricia Mary Johnson  
Libby Sweet

#### 20 Tevet / January 17

Minnie Frank  
Lustgarden  
Al Goldstein  
Eva Jacobsohn  
Louis Paley  
Benjamin Rappaport  
Joseph D Wolman

#### 21 Tevet / January 18

Libby Burstein  
Herbert Hirsch  
Harry Schiff  
Celia Sweet  
Bess Mullin Wexler

#### 22 Tevet / January 19

Anna Kneller  
Sidney Sweet

#### 23 Tevet / January 20

Nathan Bornstein  
Zlota Leah Goodman  
Anne Newburg Remis  
Zehavah bat Shmuel  
v'Hannah  
Rose Sweet  
Pauline M Switzky  
Harold Weber

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**Yahrzeits**

**24 Tevet / January 21**

Pearl England  
Euruchim Epstein  
Henry Gurevich  
Jack Haus  
Mildred Robinson  
Fannie Ruskin  
George Vidaver

**25 Tevet / January 22**

Ronald Jacobs  
Kitty Katz  
Ethel Latinsky  
Albert Schain  
Tillie Yaskal

**26 Tevet / January 23**

Aaron Urkofsky

**27 Tevet / January 24**

Lois Weiner Graber  
Myer Littky  
Edwin Miner

**28 Tevet / January 25**

Irma Heifetz  
Alexander Katz  
Jerome Kaufman  
Paul E Macke  
Abe Radbil  
Helen Stark  
Ben F Sweet

**29 Tevet / January 26**

Carol Bregman  
Arnold Luterman  
Portia Paradise

**1 Shevat / January 27**

Alma Frank  
Aaron J Gellman  
Louis Kaplan  
Mollie Paley Finn  
Nell Pekarsky

**2 Shevat / January 28**

Pearl Springberg  
Leo Stark  
William Sweet  
Henry Weiss

**3 Shevat / January 29**

Bernice Kliebard  
Tilly Nathenson

**4 Shevat / January 30**

Phyllis Levinthal  
Sam Sweet  
Bernice Wechsler

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# Supper Quiz 2020: January 18

Introduced to Madison in 2007, the Beth Israel Center Supper Quiz has become a favorite tradition!

What's this Supper Quiz thing all about? It changes a bit from year to year, but you can count on a delicious sit-down dinner and some fun and friendly competition between courses.

Quiz rounds from past years have challenged teams to build the tallest structure possible from household objects, identify fabrics, solve logic puzzles, name musical genres, use geography and trivia knowledge, and more! It's never the same thing twice, and it's always a lot of fun.

**This year's theme is A Journey in Time.**

Each table/team will represent a period in time. As you put together your team, think about what era, decade, epoch or month you'll represent. Use your time period to inspire a group costume -- or not. Dressing up can be part of the fun, but it's completely optional.

Need a little help coming up with a time period? The event organizers will offer suggestions. Start your inquiry with Ziva Wear, zivawear830@gmail.com.

**Cost is \$100 per person or \$720 for a full group/team of 8.**

Individuals and groups of fewer than eight will be combined with other contestants to form teams of up to eight.



Quizmasters Ruth Litovsky and David Baum



Anna and Karen sport "MadMen" theme costumes (2016).

## November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Shabbaton with Yael Yeichieli	2 TT Kiddush Sponsored by Allan Levin
3	4	5 TT	6	7 TT	8 Shabbat Dinner Honoring New Members	9 TT Parasha Study
10 Scientists & Synagogues Capstone Event Roller Skate w/ Camp Ramah	11	12 TT	13	14 TT	15	16 Ezra Matthews-Needelman Bar Mitzvah TT
17 Living Torah	18	19 TT	20	21 TT	22 Kabbalat Shabbat Potluck Dinner	23 TT Hakarat HaTov Netivon
24 Living Torah	25	26 No TT	27	28 Rosh Chodesh Kislev Office Closed Thanksgiving No TT	29 Rosh Chodesh Kislev Office Closed	30 Jon Pollack Bar Mitzvah (Revisited) No TT

## December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 TT Kazu Kitano Bat Mitzvah Netivon
8 Kolot Kehila: Estate Planning Yom Rishon	9	10 TT	11	12 TT	13	14 TT Aharon Shelef Bar Mitzvah
15 Living Torah	16	17 TT	18	19 Last day of TT Fall semester	20	21 Parasha Study
22 Happy Hanukkah! 1st Night of Hanukkah Hanukkah Party	23	24	25 Office Closed	26	27	28 Rosh Chodesh Tevet Z'mirot
29 Rosh Chodesh Tevet	30	31				

## January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Office closed New Years Day	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Supper Quiz
19	20 Office Closed MLK Jr. Day MLK Interfaith Youth Program	21 TT Resumes	22	23 TT	24	25 TT Parasha Study
26	27	28 TT	29 Talmud Class Begins (morning)	30 TT Talmud Class begins (evening)	31 Berries & Jammies	

### Yahrzeits

#### 5 Shevat / January 31

Melvin Comins  
Akiyasu Kitano  
Anita Messerman  
Wolf Mintz



Beth Israel Center maintains a database of Yahrzeit observances for its members. The people listed on the sides of these pages died on these dates on the Hebrew calendar in years past.

If you would like to observe the anniversary of a loved one's passing with a minyan at Beth Israel Center, please contact the office so we can notify the community of your need.

Yahrzeits are traditionally observed on the Hebrew calendar. Using the Gregorian dates, an observer would say kaddish during the evening service prior to the Gregorian date and during the morning and afternoon services on the Gregorian date.

Our Yahrzeit records are only as accurate as the information provided by the people who know the stories of those listed on these pages. If you have additional information or any questions, please contact the office at (608) 256-7763 or office@bethisraelcenter.org.

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## November / December / January Candle Lighting Times

<b>Shabbat</b>	<b>Parasha</b>	<b>Candle Lighting</b>
November 1/2	Noach	5:31 pm
November 8/9	Lech-Lecha	4:22 pm
November 15/16	Vayera	4:15 pm
November 22/23	Chayei Sara	4:10 pm
November 29/30	Toldot	4:06 pm
December 6/7	Vayetzei	4:04 pm
December 13/14	Vayishlach	4:05 pm
December 20/21	Vayeshev	4:07 pm
December 27/28	Miketz	4:11 pm
January 3/4	Vayigash	4:17 pm
January 10/11	Vayechi	4:24 pm
January 17/18	Shemot	4:32 pm
January 24/25	Vaera	4:41 pm
January 31/February 1	Parashat Bo	4:50 pm
<b>Hanukkah</b>		
December 22	One Candle	5:22 pm
December 23	Two Candles	5:09 pm
December 24	Three Candles	5:09 pm
December 25	Four Candles	5:10 pm
December 26	Five Candles	5:11 pm
December 27	Six Candles	4:11 pm
December 28	Seven Candles	5:12 pm
December 29	Eight Candles	5:13 pm

**Shabbat Services**

Fridays  
5:45pm

Saturdays  
9:15am

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**Weekday Services**

Sunday mornings  
8:15am

Monday & Thursday  
mornings  
7:00am

Weekday evenings  
5:30pm

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Please call ahead to  
ensure a minyan.  
Other morning services may be  
organized by request.